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WE BET IT TASTES LIKE CHICKEN

Everyone knows you can find some pretty tasteless material on the Web. But Atlanta-based **Trisenx** believes the entire Internet is tasteless—and scentless to boot. The company is on a mission to do something about that.

In its quest to make Web browsing a multisensory experience, Trisenx ***(www.trisenx.com)*** has already brought the world the MultiSenx scent device, a PC peripheral that mixes and dispenses aromas. It will soon ship a more advanced Senx with new Scent Design Studio software that will enable you to concoct your own fragrances. With these tools you'll be able to participate in events such as "Aroma-Fest, The World's First Online Scent Chat."

But smell is only the beginning. Trisenx is developing a 7.5x10-inch device that can be loaded with up to 200 "flavor cartridges." It will work like an inkjet printer and dispense the requested flavor onto an edible potato-based wafer, says Kathey Porter, marketing director for Trisenx. "It dissolves in your mouth like a communion wafer, so there is nothing to alter the taste of the product," Porter says. You won't be able to savor the flavors until the device is released in early 2002, however.

Trisenx has partnered with fragrance-and-flavor giant **Mane** to provide the delicately balanced chemical mixtures that will enable you to visit, say, Taco Bell's Web site and sample its latest delicacies. The device could be a boon to international food companies developing new products, which will be able to share their research in a nonperishable form. But Trisenx also sees applications in entertainment, education, and communications with online greeting cards and e-mail, according to Porter.

If Trisenx's hardware catches on, an e-mail from your ex might literally be bitter. And what will unsolicited e-mail taste like? Why, Spam, of course. ***—Kevin Shay***

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Magic words have long been the means of transport to earthly delights like speakeasies, Ali Baba's cave, and discount goods online. That's right: If you know what to enter in the coupon-code field on the checkout page of many online retailers, you'll make out like a bandit.

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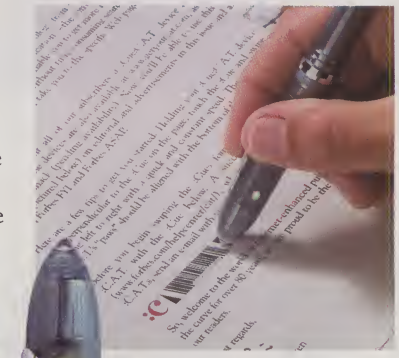
—Kevin Savetz

Crossing Off Lost URLs

Tired of reading about an interesting Web site, only to forget the address by the time you're on the Net? Now you can capture URLs with a swipe of a pen.

The Cross Convergence pen comprises a body by venerable penmaker **A.T. Cross** and brains from **Digital Convergence,** makers of the free CueCat bar-code scanner. Unlike the CueCat, however, the Cross Convergence is completely mobile, says John Buckley, an A.T. Cross spokesman for the project. "You will have all the benefits of the CueCat, except that you will be able to access those benefits anywhere, anytime—on a plane, on a train."

Or, conceivably, on a boat or with a goat, if you happen to be reading a publication that covers hooved herbivores. Each URL within articles or advertising includes a coded "cue" that you scan with the pen's optical eye. Later, you can transmit the stored addresses—up to 300 of them—to your PC (via the included OptoLink coupler cable) to visit the pages. The pen also recognizes UPCs and other bar codes.



Reading, not writing

The Cross Convergence pen

The pen is available at ***www.cross.com*** for $89.99. Digital Convergence and Cross are lining up participating newspapers and retailers on a city-by-city basis; some national magazines, including *Forbes* and *Parade,* are already onboard.

If your local paper is, well, cueless, the pen still serves another function. Buckley describes that feature in highly technical terms: "It puts ink on paper."

—Kevin Shay